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February 21, 2002

Gary N. and Nancy I. Nelson
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Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Gold Star Stone, Lone Pine Mine, M/003/050, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nelson:

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's intent to issue tentative approval for Gold Star Stone's large mine permit application for their Lone Pine project in Box Elder County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record or immediately adjacent to the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the local and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a formal adjudicative proceeding in accordance with UCA §40-8-13

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE	:	
DECISION TO APPROVE A LARGE	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE
MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN	:	DECISION TO APPROVE
FOR GOLD STAR STONE'S	:	
LONE PINE MINE	:	NO. M/003/050
BOX ELDER, COUNTY, UTAH	:	

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION,
MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS
INTERESTED IN SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 17 WEST, SLBM, BOX
ELDER COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Large Mining Operations Notice of Intention for Gold Star Stone's Lone Pine Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: SE1/4 and the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 17 West, SLBM, Box Elder County, Utah.

Gold Star Stone has submitted a permit application to expand an existing small mining project to a large mining operation. The operator will employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 22.5 acres of private land.

During Operations:

After topsoil is salvaged, an excavator will be used to remove the quartzite from the highwall face and the floor of the pit. The quartzite is then sorted, split and stacked on pallets for shipping. Safety berms will be maintained above highwalls and dump slopes and along the access road. The access road is signed to keep unauthorized persons from entering the mine area.

After Operations:

All pits will be reclaimed by partial backfill of waste rock/overburden materials. Highwalls will be reduced to between 2h:1v to 3h:1v slopes. Topsoil will be respread at a 6-inch depth over areas that were disturbed by historic mining where soil salvage had not been required. Areas where topsoil was salvaged will be covered with 12 inches of topsoil. All compacted areas will be ripped to eliminate compaction. All areas will be seeded with an approved seed mixture that was developed for the post mining land use of grazing and wildlife habitat. The improved access road will remain as per the landowners request to access his property.

The person representing the company is Mr. Bruce Mitchell; Phone (208) 862-9204. Gold Star Stone is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 21 day of feb, 2002

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lowell P. Braxton', is written over the printed name.

Lowell P. Braxton
Director



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